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1) An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 11 and Claim 12 are amended to recite:

- 11. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the flexible nozzle wall flexes via a spring force or a gravitational force. -.

- 12. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the flexible nozzle wall is stiff and bends about a point of articulation, turning joint, or axis. -.

2) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance is that the cited prior art does not show a system for stabilizing a paper web in a paper machine that includes at least three cylinders, a blow box inclusive of a blow nozzle, a separate wall, a boundary layer air doctor and a flexible nozzle wall coupled to the blow box, structurally arranged and designed as claimed (claim 1).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone no. is 571-272-1190.

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